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TITLE: HANGER DEVICE AND HOOK MEMBER FOR A WALL-SUPPORTED  
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**AMENDED CLAIMS**

1. (original) A hanger device comprising:
  - a horizontal arm having two ends;
  - a level indicating means; and
  - a hook member disposed at each end of the horizontal arm, said hook member including an opening and an upwardly and forwardly extending hanger portion.
2. (original) The hanger device of Claim 1 wherein said hanger portion is disposed above said opening.
3. (original) The hanger device of Claim 1 wherein a shoulder is provided to the rear of said hanger portion.
4. (currently amended) The hanger device of Claim 1 wherein ~~said opening is shaped and configured to direct~~ a fastener inserted in said opening is directed inward and slightly downwardly into a vertically extending wall surface on which the hanger device is fastened.
5. (currently amended) The hanger device of Claim 1 wherein said opening is ~~shaped and configured to provide~~ provides a tight fitting collar around a fastener driven through the opening, thereby holding the fastener in place within the opening.
6. (original) The hanger device of Claim 1 wherein said level indicating means is a pendulum.

7. (original) The hanger device of Claim 6 further comprising a lower arm with markings for use with the pendulum to indicate the angle of the device.
8. (original) The hanger device of Claim 1 wherein said hook member includes a first opening and a second opening, the second opening being disposed below the first opening.
9. (original) The hanger device of Claim 1 wherein one or more additional hook members are removably affixed to the hanger device.
10. (currently amended) The hanger device of Claim 9 wherein said additional hook members are removably affixed to the hook members disposed at each end of the horizontal arm, and each additional hook member includes a first opening and a second opening, the second opening being disposed ~~horizontally~~ below the first opening.
11. (original) The hanger device of Claim 8 wherein said hanger portion is disposed above said first opening.
12. (currently amended) The hanger device of Claim 1 wherein said opening ~~is sized and configured to provide~~ provides a tight fitting collar around a fastener driven through said opening, and ~~to direct~~ directs the fastener perpendicularly into a wall to which the device is to be affixed.
13. (original) A hook member comprising an upwardly and forwardly extending hanger portion disposed above an opening.
14. (original) The hook member of Claim 13 including a first opening and a second opening, said hanger portion being disposed above said first opening, and said second opening being disposed vertically below said first opening.
15. (original) The hook member of Claim 13 wherein a shoulder is provided to the rear of said hanger portion.

16. (currently amended) The hook member of Claim 13 wherein ~~said opening is shaped and configured to direct~~ a fastener inserted in said opening is directed inward and slightly downwardly into a vertically extending wall surface on which the hanger device is fastened.

17. (currently amended) The hook member of Claim 13 wherein said opening is ~~shaped and configured to provide~~ provides a tight fitting collar around a fastener driven through the opening, thereby holding the fastener in place within the opening.